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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were 2 cents higher on larger sizes when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, regional prices were sharply higher on all weights when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies were reported as sufficient to tight for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to short for a fairly good to good demand. Light type fowl were mostly adequate for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents higher for large and unchanged for medium and small. Midwest delivered prices were sharply higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate, instances good. Food service demand was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Central States breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were tight to short of needs with demand fairly good to good. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady to firm.

RANGE MOSTLY		IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	
		RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106-115 109-115	LARGE	89-98 93
LARGE	105-114 107-110	MEDIUM	77-83 81
MEDIUM	98-104 97-100	SMALL	54-58

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices increased sharply on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, with heavier weights in the better position. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were at best adequate for needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited for normal to less than normal processing schedules. Light type hen demand was light to moderate for adequate to at least adequate offerings.

RANGE MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	113-127 115-120
LARGE	109-123 114-118
MEDIUM	99-112 103-106

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were sharply higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand was fair to good. Food service movement was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were tight to closely balanced. Central States breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were tight to short of needs with demand fairly good to good. Floor stocks in close balance to tight. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady to firm.

RANGE MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	114.5-123 116-119
LARGE	113.5-122 115-118
MEDIUM	102.5-111 104-107

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was fully steady to firm beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short for the good demand. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for a light to moderate demand.

RANGE MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	90.25-122 116-119
LARGE	86.25-120 114-117
MEDIUM	77.25-109 102-106

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were 2 cents higher on extra large and large. Mediums were unchanged when compared to Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on heavier weights, steady on lighter weight eggs. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually sufficient for immediate trade needs.

RANGE	
EXTRA LARGE	127-131
LARGE	125-129
MEDIUM	111-115

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

RANGE MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	113-121 114-116
LARGE	111-119 112-114
MEDIUM	101-109 102-104

**WESTERN** Prices 18-19 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 17-18 cents higher on large and 15-16 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% lower than last week with California down 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 6%. Retailer demand light except to cover features. Offerings short.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 19 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 18 cents higher on large, and 16 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% lower than last week. Retailer demand light overall but still fairly good to cover features. Offerings and floor stocks short. Small benchmark price 121.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

RANGE	
JUMBO	160
EXTRA LARGE	159
LARGE	152
MEDIUM	141

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	279-339	JUMBO	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	249-339	EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-309	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-245	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 26, 2007 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 19, 2007 were 356,084 cases which was 0 percent above the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	300,726	55,358	356,084

% change from the prior week..... -4 +32 +0

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices were higher. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings tight to short of needs. Floor stocks closely balanced to tight. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady to firm.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	54-56	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	40-47	43-45
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-JAN-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3.5-8.5 CENTS/LB.		5.69

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were noted as fair to moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-JAN-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-8 CENTS/LB.		5.40

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 08, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 08, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.30	.77

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - JAN 22, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			North	South	South		5-Area
		Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.2	18.1	9.0	10.2	12.8	57.3
	Change	0.8	2.7	1.3	1.7	1.2	16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.5	32.8	10.7	20.4	29.5	118.9
	Change	5.7	-4.4	3.2	3.8	0.1	8%
Large	Curr Wk	41.6	73.4	72.3	87.7	73.7	348.7
	Change	9.3	2.1	22.2	18.6	-11.4	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.8	40.6	23.4	24.7	25.9	128.4
	Change	2.5	-0.1	5.7	6.6	3.5	17%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	6.1	1.1	6.4	3.4	21.7
	Change	0.9	-0.5	-0.1	1.5	0.4	11%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	23.3	13.9	11.4	6.2	57.4
	Change	-0.3	-2.2	3.3	2.0	-0.1	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.6	39.7	16.6	26.3	18.8	118.0
	Change	-0.1	-5.8	4.1	-10.0	-0.8	-10%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	112.0	234.0	147.0	187.1	170.3	850.4
	Change	20%	-3%	37%	15%	-4%	9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	850.4	9%	159
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	193.7	-13%	33
Total Shell Egg	1044.1	4%	192

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 159 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
93.2	242.2	107.3	162.9	177.4	783.0

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 19, 2007**CURRENT LOADS** 27.50**FUTURE LOADS** 8.00**TOTAL LOADS** 35.50

SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	98.00	99.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	114.67	—	—	—	—	125.00	2.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	111.25	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	120.75	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	106.50	109.00	108.25	—	6.00	GL W LG	—	109.00	—	—	—	116.89	11.50
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	104.00	—	13.50	GL W MD	90.00	91.00	—	97.75	—	95.00	5.50
GL W MD	62.00	65.00	—	—	85.44	—	7.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	66.00	1.00
GL W SM	56.50	—	58.00	63.50	59.00	63.00	4.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/15/07-01/19/07**CURRENT LOADS** 112.25**FUTURE LOADS** 66.25**TOTAL LOADS** 178.50

SE								NE		MW		SC			NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	85.83	100.00	89.80	88.33	86.60	86.75	61.00	GNR W 1	—	97.13	—	—	—	—	31.00				
GNR W 2	—	—	—	94.00	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	97.00	—	—	1.00				
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J112.00	108.00	—	—	120.00	121.46	7.50					
GL W J	—	—	104.75	109.00	103.58	—	5.00	GL W XL	—	108.29	—	108.00	—	113.91	18.50				
GL W XL	—	106.85	100.75	103.24	99.49	—	34.00	GL W LG	109.00	107.77	—	111.00	—	110.96	56.25				
GL W LG	—	109.57	99.00	102.38	100.36	100.67	77.50	GL W MD	85.50	87.40	—	92.64	—	95.07	22.25				
GL W MD	62.00	81.00	84.38	87.67	82.66	—	27.75	GL W SM	57.00	—	—	—	—	64.38	2.00				
GL W SM	56.50	—	57.67	62.13	59.00	63.00	6.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	117.00	—	118.67	1.25				
GL BR XL	—	—	105.00	—	102.00	—	1.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	115.00	—	114.00	1.25				
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	100.00	—	1.25												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/15/07	01/08/07	01/16/06
PACIFIC COAST	32	32	82
LOS ANGELES	28	28	78

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is higher on extra large and large, steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	121.74
LARGE	119.52
MEDIUM	106.87
SMALL	91.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

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(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz. 2	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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